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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of BOX AF
Maria Anna WUBBEN et al. Conf. No. 1786
Serial No.: 08/776,321 GROUP: 1761
Filed: April 15, 1997 Examiner: Curtis Sherrer
Title: PECTINS AS FOAM STABILIZERS FOR BEVERAGES
HAVING A FOAM HEAD

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of May 15, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel all of the previously pending claims without prejudice, and add the following new claims:

--52. (new) A method for improving foam head stability in beer, comprising adding a hop extract containing (at least 20% anhydrogalacturonic acid on a dry weight basis of extracted material, to a beer preparation after commencement of wort boiling and not earlier than 30 minutes before the end of wort boiling, said hop extract being added in an amount of at least 0.5 g per hectoliter of said beer preparation.

--53. (new) The method according to claim 52, wherein said